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Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/15/2006 amendment.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4,6-15 and 17-28.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicants' amendments and arguments, filed on 12/15/2006, with respect to Claims 1-4, 6-8, 11-15, 17-19, 22-24 and 28 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-4, 6-8, 11-15, 17-19, 22-24 and 28 under 35 USC § 102(e)/103(a) have been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-4, 6-15 and 17-28 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.
 - The prior art fails to teach an apparatus/method of Claims 1, 11, 12 and 22-25 that specifically comprises the following:
 - The instant application is deemed to be directed to a non-obvious improvement over the admitted prior art of the instant application and the invention patented in Pat. No. US 6,188,682, US 6,590,886, and US 6,628,698. The improvement comprises:

With regard claims 1, 11, 12 and 22-24, "wherein the rake circuit is configured to obtain a difference between (i) a particular electric field level of a particular correlated received signal output from a particular finger circuit element of the plurality of finger circuit elements and (ii) a certain electric field level of a certain correlated received signal output from a certain finger circuit element of the plurality of finger circuit elements, and is configured to compare the difference with the predetermined threshold

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level as part of the electric field level judgment;” as recited in combination of other limitation in claims 1, 11, 12 and 22-24, respectively, and

With regard claim 25, “wherein the rake circuit further includes: a main synthesizer for combining electric field levels of all of the correlated received signals output from the plurality of finger circuit elements; and a sub-synthesizer for combining electric field levels of a subset of the correlated received signals output from the plurality of finger circuit elements; and wherein the level judgment circuit is configured to execute the electric field level judgment by comparing the predetermined threshold value with a difference between an output of the main synthesizer and an output of the sub-synthesizer.” as recited in combination of other limitation in claim 25.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Reference(s) US 6,590,886, and US 6,628,698 are cited because they are put pertinent to the Rake receiver with cell search method. However, none of references teach detailed connection as recited in claim.

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ted M. Wang whose telephone number is (571) 272-3053. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chieh Fan can be reached on 571-272-3042. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

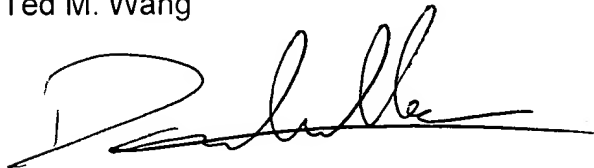
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